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AMERICAN JEWRY AT THE 22nd WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

By Moshe Decter

The writer of this article, a former sergeant in the United States Army, spent two years overseas in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. After being wounded, he joined the Public Relations Section of the U.S. Army Headquarters in Italy. In this capacity, he traveled throughout that country, coming into intimate contact with hundreds of Jewish refugees there and with the Jewish Brigade. He also had the opportunity of spending some time in Palestine and saw the work of reconstruction going on in the Jewish community there.

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STATEMENT BY DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, CHAIRMAN
of the
AMERICAN SECTION OF THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE

The Jewish people are prepared to assert their right to their national home in Palestine before the United Nations. They hold that right to be inalienable. It is the right of all people, large or small, to a homeland of their own. It is a right which was acknowledged in 1922 when 52 nations of the world, recognizing the historic connection of the Jewish people with Palestine and the need for reconstituting the Jewish National Home, entrusted the Mandate over Palestine to Great Britain for the primary purpose of carrying out this objective through facilitating Jewish immigration and the close settlement of the Jews on the land.

Today, the Mandatory Power, whose only right in Palestine arises from the obligation which it assumed under the Palestine Mandate, is asking the United Nations to reopen the entire question. It seeks international sanction for a policy which it pursues in violation of the Mandate. It is a move calculated to destroy the purpose of its trust. It is an act of hostility against the very people whose interests the Mandatory Power is honor bound to protect. This is a strange proceeding. A trustee who has been faithless to his trust now sits in the parliament of nations and proposes that he be freed from his obligations and permitted to carry on as he pleases in the future. This move is surely inconsistent with the Charter of the United Nations which proclaims the determination of the peoples of the United Nations "to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained."

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The farmer has always been the backbone of a nation's life. Productive land, always a prime requisite, is in wartime worth more than gold. It is therefore a matter of good fortune not only for the 600,000 Jews of Palestine, but for the armed forces of the United Nations in the Near East that Jewish-owned and Jewish-tilled land, the most productive in Palestine, is yielding 50% more food than before the war. The record is more remarkable in the light of the fact that 25% of the Jewish agricultural manpower in Palestine have enlisted in the fighting forces. Palestine has a greater proportion of Jewish peasantry than is to be found in any other country.

It is significant that during the war period and in spite of immigration restrictions, economic wartime strain and recurrent apprehensions of invasion, the Jewish position in Palestine has become enlarged and strengthened during the past three years. This program of advance can be best measured by the growth of the soil, for progress which is not based on the soil is not sure.

Since the outbreak of the war, the land possessions of the Jewish National Fund have increased by 123,000 dunams. These are located in every part of Western Palestine, north in Galilee, near the borders of Syria and Lebanon, south in Judaea, and in the Coastal Plain between Haifa and Tel Aviv. It represents an increase of 25% in the holdings of the Jewish National Fund. Upon these areas 19 new agricultural settlements have been established, 65 workers' camps and 12 agricultural schools.

It is noteworthy that these gains have not been made at the expense of the Arab population, but on the contrary, have resulted in benefits to the Arabs. 93% of the land in Western Palestine and 100% of the land in Eastern Palestine is in Arab hands. Most of it lies fallow. Many of the areas acquired by the Jewish National Fund are swampy or stony soil which had been pronounced uncultivable and uninhabitable. Jews made it cultivable and habitable, thus enhancing the country as a whole. Arab neighbors inevitably benefit by the Jewish example

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STATEMENT TO THE PRESS

by

DR. NAHUM GOLDMAN

Member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine

October 24, 1946

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I want to use this opportunity of my meeting with the representatives of the Jewish press in the United States to explain more fully the action taken by the Jewish Agency Executive in the last few months, the line of policy they have adopted, and the result of the many talks with the American and British Governments.

I understand that during my absence much criticism has been put forward against the Executive and against me personally; all kinds of misstatements made, rumors spread and a number of people engaged upon a campaign against the Agency and myself. I want, first of all, to state that whatever I have done, I did on behalf of the Executive, fully authorized by it. To uphold the authority of the Executive is more essential than ever and nothing is more vicious and harmful to the Zionist position at this very critical moment than to undermine this authority and to villify its representatives. Therefore, it is necessary to give the full story of the last few months in order to put the record straight.

When the Executive met in Paris in July, we all faced a very tragic and serious position for the Yishuv and the Zionist Movement. Immigration to Palestine was for all practical purposes stopped, boats with immigrants were diverted to Cyprus; attempt was made by the British Government to destroy the Jewish Agency by arresting some of its most important leaders and the case of Jagur proved that there was a grave danger that the British Army, in retaliation for acts of violence in the country, may one day destroy all we have built in decades of heroic effort and constructive work. The situation of the Jewish D.P.'s in

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LABOR ZIONIST ORGANIZATION ADOPTS QUOTA OF 500,000 SHEKOLIM

The Labor Zionist Movement of America in all its branches adopted a minimum quota of 500,000 shekolim in the general campaign for the enrollment of all American Jewry within the ranks of the World Zionist Organization prior to the next Zionist Congress which will be held in Palestine in August, and which will be the first Congress since 1939. The present world Jewish scene and the paramount position Palestine has assumed in that scene make it one of the most crucial of all Zionist Congresses.

Jews all over the world now have the opportunity to demonstrate clearly and unequivocally their united determined stand on the question of Palestine. The Shekel is the non-party means whereby the Jewish nation elects its delegates to the World Zionist Congress through popular democratic elections. The number of delegates each party in Zionism is entitled to is determined not by the number of shekel receipts it transmits to the World Zionist Organization but solely by the votes it musters. The shekel itself is essentially a form of registration as member of the W.Z.O. that grants the purchaser the right to vote. All Jews throughout the world regardless of all other affiliations may purchase a shekel once they reach the age of 18.

American Jewry awakened to its central role in the world Jewish scene today, most demonstrate its readiness to fill the gap left by the destruction of European Jewry. Every eligible Jewish man and woman must stand up and be counted.

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STATEMENT BY DR. MOSHE SNEH

To my regret I was delayed because of transportation difficulties and could not arrive in this country in time for the convention of the Zionist Organization of America, which I had hoped to attend. I take this opportunity to transmit to the representatives of the Press a summary of certain observations on the political problems of Zionism which I had intended to deliver at the convention. I have had the privilege of coming to this country together with Mr. David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, who will undoubtedly clarify more fully all aspects of the Zionist problem.

The Jewish people has been compelled to enter upon a difficult struggle with Great Britain. That Power, which about thirty years ago undertook the task of helping us to realize Jewish Zionist aspirations, in accordance with the Balfour Declaration, is now using its entire political and military strength to hinder the realization of Zionism. This is being done precisely at the time when Palestine has become the only and urgent hope of salvation and security for large masses of the Jewish people.

The Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry has estimated that over half a million Jews in Europe are in urgent need of immigration to Palestine, and three quarters of a million Jews in Moslem countries are also confronted by the twin dilemmas of persecution and physical peril, or emigration.

It is not true that the British Government is about to arrive at a decision on Palestine. In fact, the British Government has made a decision -- against us. The essence of this decision is to continue to impose by force the regime of the infamous White Paper. The London Palestine Conference, and Mr. Morrison's "provincial autonomy plan" are nothing but an attempt to dress up the anti-Jewish policy of the British Government to look like a "compromise" between Jewish and Arab claims. But the conflict is not one between Jews and Arabs. It is one between Jews and Britain. Britain has no legal status in Palestine except insofar as it carries out the Mandate; but in fact, she is violating the Mandate, and doing the exact opposite of what the Mandate prescribes. Under the Mandate Britain is duty bound to "facilitate" Jewish immigration, whereas in actuality Britain is hounding the Jews fleeing to Palestine from their charnel houses in Europe with her Navy, and driving them away from the ports of Palestine with machine gun fire. Under the Mandate Britain is duty bound to facilitate "close settlement of Jews on the land." In fact, she is enforcing a racial land law which forbids the Jews to acquire land and to settle in 75% of Western Palestine. Under the Mandate Britain is duty bound to establish a Jewish National Home; in fact she maintains in Palestine a Jewish ghetto under the iron hand of a hostile military regime.

How far the brutal military oppression in Palestine has gone is shown by the fact that within one week the British Government has been compelled to recall two high ranking officers, General Barker, the Commanding General in Palestine, and Colonel Webb. They were removed not because of their anti-Semitism, but because they committed the indiscretion of publicly revealing the underlying anti-Semitic attitude of the Administration, thereby embarrassing the British Government and bringing into the open the true character of its intentions in Palestine.

The present regime in Palestine is not a lawful regime, and the responsibility for disorders and the deplorable bloodshed now going on in the country falls on the heads of the British Government. If for any reason whatsoever Britain has come to the point of being unable or unwilling to carry out the Mandate, she is not entitled to impose on Palestine an arbitrary solution of her own. She received her authority to govern the country from the League of Nations, and unless she fulfills the terms of that trust, she

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Le seul but des « Amis de la Terre Sainte » est de militer pour que soit appliqué à la Palestine « le droit des peuples à disposer d'eux-mêmes » selon le principal article du président Wilson.

La Palestine fait indivisiblement partie de la Syrie que des liens d'amitié séculaire relient à la France. Mais la diplomatie tend à séparer la Palestine de la Syrie.

Dans ce cas, les « Amis de la Terre Sainte » demanderaient que la Palestine restât aux Palestiniens. Et, dès à présent, ils s'élèvent contre tout projet comportant la restauration d'un Etat confessionnel : par conséquent, sa remise aux sionistes.

Berceau de toutes les croyances monothéistes, la Palestine constitue, dans l'ordre moral, un apanage universel. *Elle ne peut être aliénée à une religion* dont les fidèles ont la nationalité des pays où ils se trouvent et dont ils partagent — partout depuis la guerre — les devoirs et les droits.

Tout juif, d'ailleurs, comme tout musulman, tout chrétien, ou tout libre-penseur peut librement se rendre en Palestine et s'y fixer.

Enfin, la remise de la Palestine aux Juifs serait d'autant plus inadmissible qu'elle équivaudrait, en outre, au sacrifice des habitants, les Palestiniens, légitimes possesseurs du sol : 400.000 musulmans, 200.000 chrétiens, 25.000 juifs autochtones et 75.000 juifs immigrés.

Les « Amis de la Terre Sainte », au cas où la Syrie ne serait plus intégrale, se prononcent pour une Palestine indépendante sous l'égide d'une charte de la Ligue des Nations lui assurant les libertés religieuses et matérielles, charte confiée à un mandataire dont la mission désintéressée serait garantie par le passé.

Prière d'envoyer toute adhésion ou toute communication à **M. Jules Bernex, secrétaire général des « Amis de la Terre Sainte », 248, boulevard Raspail, Paris.**

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A Criticism of the Claim that the Establishment of an Independent Jewish State in Palestine is prophesied in Holy Scripture

By

PROFESSOR GUILLAUME

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I wish to make it plain at the outset that my remarks are directed to one aspect of Zionist claims—the claims to fulfil scripture by the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine—and must not be interpreted in any other way or be taken to prejudice the claim of the Jews to be allowed to make a home in Palestine.

To a superficial reader it well might seem that a divine promise to give a land to a particular people made some four thousand years ago and often repeated constituted that people owners of that land by divine right. Now if this is the Jewish title to Palestine it must be carefully scrutinized. Accordingly I propose to examine a few texts which are familiar to all practising Jews, and which have profoundly influenced some Christian bodies, particularly in America.

The points which are of importance are (1) To whom were the promises made? (2) What was the extent of the land which was promised? And (3) Was the promise irrevocable or was it subject to any conditions?

(1) The first explicit promise of Palestine to the descendants of Abraham was at Shechem (now Nablus) in Genesis xii, 7: 'Unto thy seed will I give this land'. Ch. xiii, 15, when Abraham is standing on a hill near Bethal, has the words: 'all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it and to thy seed for ever'. xv, 18 is more explicit: 'Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates'. The promises are repeated to Isaac; and to Jacob in xxviii, 12: 'the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed, and thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south; and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed'. When Abraham made a covenant with God through circumcision (xvii, 8) all the land of Canaan was promised to him as 'an everlasting possession'. Other passages might be quoted, but these are representative, and others add nothing that is relevant here.

Now it is generally supposed that these promises were made to the Jews, and to the Jews alone. But that is not what the Bible says. The words 'to thy seed' inevitably include Arabs, both Muslims and Christians, who can claim descent from Abraham through his son Ishmael. (Here we are not concerned with the Muslim tradition

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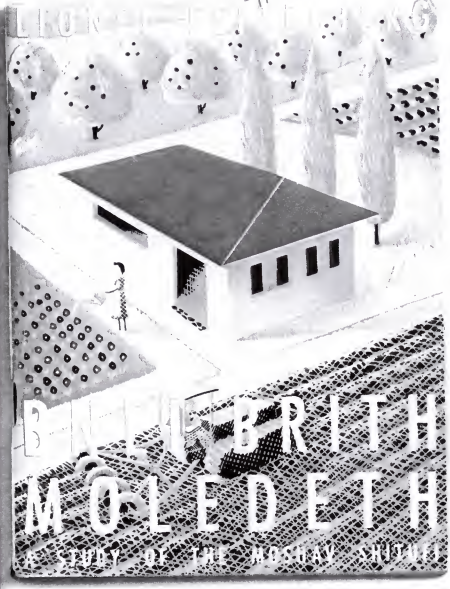
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